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There is one angle that it might be difficult/unwise to try to get across to the DCI but which I think you should have in mind. That is : At USIB sessions on the NIS, Tom Hughes has tended to be the only person commenting. Last time he glibly inquired about going to 40 instead of 30 General Surveys a year, and sooner or later he may well say State still needs "basic" detailed coverage on Political Dynamics and such. Of course he is entitled to speak as a consumer -- and Jimmy Lay probably would support the importance of "requirements" -- but Hughes has (although he would stress their field collection and comments on NIS drafts) no production responsibilities and therefore need not be concerned with production capabilities/practicalities.

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